

# Turkey Run Nature Center Activities

Monday, September 1  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
*10am Help Feed The Birds* – Come to the nature center to put out seed, suet & nectar, & then watch the animals eat and interact through the windows of the observation room.  
*10:30am Meet A Snake* – Enjoy a close look at some native snakes during a 45-minute program. Touching IS allowed! Nature Center.  
*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – Discover the joys of stargazing during a 40-minute tour of tonight’s skies. Constellations, legends, planets and more! *Reservations recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 2-3  
Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday & Friday, September 4-5  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See previous listing.  
*2pm Planetarium Star Show* - See previous listing.

**DNR Fitness Day: Get INShape, Indiana!**  
Saturday, September 6  
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT  
*\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds* – Help clean up the wildlife feeding area and put out seed and nectar, and then watch all the action from inside the wildlife observation room.  
*9:30–10am INShape Registration* - Register in front of the nature center for the 10 o’clock walk, and enter to win an INShape backpack bag!  
*\*10am INShape DNR DayWalk* – Join park staff for a rugged hike through the beautiful trails of Turkey Run State Park, and GET IN SHAPE, INDIANA! Bottled water will be available for this 2½-3 hour walk. Route will include paths usually closed to hikers, so don’t miss this unique opportunity. Hike begins at the nature center.  
*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.  
*\*3pm Hike The Home* – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Hear the legends and enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Warning: lots of standing and stairs. Cellar doors open at 2:45pm for exhibit viewing.  
*\*8:30pm Owl Prowl* – Gather near the bathhouse near the campground gatehouse to meet some of Turkey Run’s owls and learn their calls, and then hike into the woods with a naturalist to try to call some in. 1-hour program and easy hike.

Sunday, September 7  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See previous listing.  
*11am How To Become A Better Naturalist* – Discover why the way animals look tells you where to find them outdoors, and then learn some of their voices! You won’t want to miss this 40-minute program at the nature center.  
*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous listing  
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**Hoosier Quest Program**  
Earn patches, certificates & pins while  
discovering our State’s parks & reservoirs. Hear  
all about it at the Nature Center.

Monday, September 8  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See previous listing.  
*\*11am Lusk Home Tour* – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Hear the legends and enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Warning: lots of standing and stairs. Cellar doors open at 10:45am.  
*2pm Planetarium Star Show* - See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 9-10  
Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday & Friday, September 11-12  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See previous listing.  
*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous listing.

Saturday, September 13  
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT  
*9:30am Help Feed The Birds* – See previous listing.  
*10:30am-noon Stop At The Top* – Stop at the 70-steps on your way to the Suspension Bridge to investigate different skin coverings. Feel a snake, touch a turtle, stroke fur, let a feather tickle you, & compare them to your own skin.  
*2pm Planetarium Star Show* - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.  
*\*3pm Lusk Home Tour* – See previous listing.  
*\*7:30pm Stroll Through Time* – Meet in front of the INN to experience the rich history of Turkey Run. Explore an ancient canyon, marvel at the work of the CCC, discover a real Pioneer cabin and church, and meet the man who made sure Turkey Run was saved as an Indiana State Park. 1-hr.easy hike

Sunday, September 14  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See previous listing.  
*10:30-11:30am Recycled Bubblemakers* – Make a simple device that creates bubbles as big as your car from everyday things at home, and then try it out! Nature Center.  
*2pm Planetarium Star Show* - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

Monday, September 15  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See previous listing.  
*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 16-17  
Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday, September 18  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT  
*2pm Planetarium Star Show* - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

*7pm Volunteers In Parks* - Gather in the Dogwood Room at the INN to attend the monthly meeting of the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades State Parks. Enjoy snacks and a DVD, The Natural Heritage of Indiana. Then stick around to see what our hard working volunteers are up to these days. If you’d like to volunteer at Shades and Turkey Run, this is a good way to get started & a great way to make some new like-minded friends!  
**\*Healthy Parks–Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

Friday, September 19  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

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Saturday, September 20  
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

- 9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.
- 10:30am Coyote Calls – Discover the voice of the coyote within as you learn all about Indiana’s largest wild dog. 40-minute program at the nature center.
- 2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. Reservations recommended on weekends. Nature Center.

Sunday, September 21  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

- 10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.
- 11am Reptile Rap – Meet some native snakes and turtles hands-on during a 40-minute presentation at the nature center.
- 2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. Reservations recommended on weekends. Nature Center.

Monday, September 22  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

- 10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing
- 2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 23-24  
Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday, September 25  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

- 10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.
- \*11am Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.
- 2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Friday, September 26  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

- 10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing
- 2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

### National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 27  
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to put out seed, suet & nectar, & then watch the animals eat and interact through the windows of the observation room.

9:30-10am Registration – Today has been set-aside across this great nation as a day to recognize and care for our beautiful natural areas. Turkey Run needs your help. Register outside the nature center to de-litter an assigned trail section and block unauthorized trails, OR help cut down non-native plants invading the park.

\*10am Turkey Run Work Day! – Meet in front of the nature center for tools and area assignments. Use this as an opportunity to show your children the importance of volunteering, or simply to give something back to a state park that have given you much beauty and fun over the years. Work as long as you’re willing and receive a special thank you gift, from the bottom of our hearts.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. Reservations recommended on weekends. Nature Center.

\*3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing. Cellar doors open at 2:45 p.m. for a fun 1-hour tour. Kids welcome!

\*8:30pm Night Hike – Gather outside the nature center to take a 1-hour easy hike into the night. Call owls, explore all your senses, and have a different kind of fun as you experience the woods at night. Flashlights not needed.

Sunday, September 28  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

- 10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.
- \*10:30am Tree ID Hike – Meet in front of the nature center for a 1-hour easy hike to discover some easy ways to recognize Indiana trees. Don’t miss this chance to learn to identify the trees in your yard or woods.
- 2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. Reservations recommended on weekends. Nature Center

Monday, September 29  
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

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- 2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

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**Interpretive programs are designed to entertain & enrich people of all ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.**

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For more interpretive programs, visit  
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm>